

AMENDMENTS

Listing of Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all previous listings or versions thereof:

1.-73. (Cancelled)

74. (Currently amended) An isolated and purified ~~The~~ polynucleotide of claim 2, comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding SEQ ID NO:2.

75. (Currently amended) The polynucleotide of claim 74 5, comprising SEQ ID NO:1.

76. (Currently amended) An ~~The~~ expression vector comprising a of claim 12, wherein the nucleic acid sequence that encodes SEQ ID NO:2.

77. (Currently amended) The expression vector of claim 76 15, wherein the nucleic acid sequence comprises SEQ ID NO:1.

78. (Currently amended) A ~~The~~ recombinant host cell comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a of claim 26, wherein the polypeptide that comprises SEQ ID NO:2.

79. (Currently amended) The recombinant host cell of claim 78 29, wherein the nucleic acid sequence comprises SEQ ID NO:1.

80. (Currently amended) A ~~The~~ method of preparing a recombinant polypeptide comprising:

(a) transfected ~~a~~ cell with a polynucleotide comprising a of claim 33, wherein the nucleic acid sequence that encodes SEQ ID NO:2 to produce a transformed host cell; and

(b) maintaining ~~the~~ transformed host cell under biological conditions sufficient for expression of the polypeptide in the host cell.

81. (Currently amended) The method of claim 80 36, wherein the nucleic acid sequence comprises SEQ ID NO:1.